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May 6, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Smith
3504 Wharton
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Smith:

I have just learned of the tragic death of your son, Wally. I met Wally during a four-night teenage series that was conducted in the building of the Southside Church of Christ in Fort Worth in January. I came to know very well the young man, Larry Calvin, who had worked some with Wally and had come to have such a deep respect for him.

I found Wally to be a sensitive young man who was seeking answers to some basic questions. I was pleased with his response to all the things we did during the four nights. I felt him to be a young man who was on his way.

I send you my deepest regrets. I am sincerely sorry about Wally's death. I wish for both of you God's richest blessings of comfort. I appreciated your son and wanted you to know of my respect for him and for you.

Sincerely yours,

John Allen Chalk

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Dear Bro. Chuck:

I apologize for my failure
to include Kelly's parents'
address in my last letter.

It is:

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Smith
3504 Thornton
Ft. Worth, Texas 76133

I knew that they will
appreciate your expression of
concern and interest.

May God continue to bless
you in your work.

In Him
Larry Calvin

P.S. - I was deeply saddened by the closing
down of Campus Evangelism. What can we
do? There are many actions I want to

take right now, in view of Wally's death,
concerning the drug problem. But when I
do, I know I'll be "axed on the root"
by some brethren for engaging in "social
gospel" activities. Has it come to the point
where we've got to choose God - or the
brethren? That would be such a tragedy,
but sometimes I really feel like that's
our predicament and it tears me up.

Pardon me for crying on your
shoulder - but, then, I'm sure that you
understand the trauma that I've just
described in my life.

Hang in there ...

Larry